

January 31

John 2:1-11

“Water To Wine: A Mark in Time”



¹ And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: ² And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. ³ And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. ⁴ Jesus saith unto her, **Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.** ⁵ His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. ⁶ And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. ⁷ Jesus saith unto them, **Fill the waterpots with water.** And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And he saith unto them, **Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast.** And they bare it. ⁹ When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but

the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, ¹⁰ And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. ¹¹ This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

Questions & For Thought: The Point?



? Was Jesus pro-wine?
Did he encourage drinking intoxicants?
Was *that* wine alcoholic?

? Does this suggest making organic wine?

? Does the passage support the calling of mothers “woman”?
Was that a cultural behavior or was Jesus exhibiting annoyance?

? The “ruler of the feast” who commented that “good wine” had been served last rather than first, as was done at most weddings, did not attribute that difference to Jesus. Only the servers knew it was Jesus who had turned the water into wine (verses 9 and 10).

So then, that minority group knew more (had a greater understanding) than the majority and mighty, didn’t they? Maybe that’s a deeper-level message of the account—knowledge, wisdom, and understanding is not about numbers and status.

? Was there a significance in the occasion being held on the “third” day (verse 1)?

? Was this recorded to sanction the institution of marriage?

? Why was Jesus’ mother concerned about wine and was directing servants? We’re not privy to information about her holding any specified position in the wedding. All we’re told is that she “was there” (verse 1).

? Was a purpose of this account to say that Jesus had special powers which his mother knew about? What did Jesus mean by saying, “my hour is not yet come”? Did his mother’s request of him cause Jesus to be revealed before an originally set time?

? Does the record mark Jesus' first public miracle?... his first miracle in Cana?... his first-ever miracle? Surely for Mary to have involved Jesus, she must have had *some* reason (from *something* in their past) to believe Jesus could do extremely unusual things.

? Was the water-to-wine display necessary for “his disciples” to believe Jesus was unique and special? Also, in what way did this incident manifest “his glory” (verse 11)?

? It is said that **water** is naturally present in grapes and is considered a key component of wine—consisting of around 85% of its volume. No additional water is typically added during the wine-making process. With that as a premise, did Jesus have

super-advanced knowledge in chemistry, affording him the ability to *somehow* manipulate the properties in the water to make wine? Was the change scientific rather than supernatural?

A quick online search of “water to wine meaning” may yield several interpretations of the purpose, the main points, of the account:

- . **Jesus’ Power**
- . **Abundance**
- . **Transformation**
- . **Jesus’ Role**
- . **Symbolism**

Reading the account, itself, and possibly even reading various online interpretations may provide some degree of understanding of this scriptural passage. Still, Believers may seek understanding straight from the

Holy Spirit. We may receive
revelation knowledge and depth
of comprehension which may not
be readily available otherwise.

In fact, that is the very aim of
these
One-a-Day Scripture sharing
clips.

The hope is to foster personal and
individual studies, questions,
thoughts, and guidance from the
Holy One while keeping in mind
that no human knows everything.

No one
will ever know everything about
and during what we call “life”.
Just as Scripture says,
we know and prophecy not in full,
but rather
“in part” (1 Corinthians 13:9,12).

So, let's continue to read and
study while in submission to
the Most High, coming only
“as little children” (Matthew 18:3).

May Creator bless and guide each soul
into all truth.

